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In re Application of	:	
Richard H. Weese et al.	:	
Application No. 09/520,249	:	ON PETITION
Filed: March 7, 2000	:	
Attorney Docket No. 99-009 (RH2-0011)	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 4, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed May 16, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 17, 2002.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34, the signature of Leah M. Reimer appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that she is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf she acts. If Leah M. Reimer desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, an appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner. Nevertheless, all future correspondence will be directed solely to the address of record until otherwise instructed.

**The two-month period for filing an appeal brief in triplicate (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)), runs from the date of this decision.**

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1714 further processing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Latrice Bond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Latrice" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Bond".

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